

Instructions for Using Customized Search Feature – last updated Feb. 2014

Customized search enables more advanced searching of the product data available in the IMERC Database, including the ability to refine product category searches using manufacturer sector and mercury content ranges.

Product Category

Through the customized search feature, you may search on one or more product category. After choosing the first product category to include in your search from the dropdown menu, select the subcategories to include by clicking the checkboxes next to them. *Note: You must include at least one subcategory selection.*

If you wish to include multiple product categories, simply select the next category from the dropdown menu and subcategories you want to include. Once you have selection all of the categories you wish to include in your query, click “Search.” Along with the results, the database will display the full list of categories included in the query at the top of the page.

Selection

This functionality allows users to refine search results within a product category. Using “Lamps” as an example, the database can show a product by itself (CFLs, fluorescent tubes, neon lamps), a component of a larger product (screens or light fixtures that contain lamps), or both. The system is set to “both” as a default, which will show all entries that are lamps or where lamps are components of a larger product.

Manufacturer Sector

Users may use this dropdown to refine a product category search by limiting the results to a particular sector, based on a company’s North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code. For example, you may search for lamp products that are only used Chemical Manufacturing.

Note: You must select a product category to enable the Manufacturer Sector functionality. Selecting a sector without additional search criteria will yield no results.

Mercury Content

Using this functionality, users may limit search results to products with certain mercury content ranges, expressed in either milligrams or parts per million. For example, a user may limit a search on lamps to only those that contain more than 100 mg of mercury by selecting the “> 100 mg and ≤ 1000 mg” and “> 1000 mg” ranges in the dropdown menu.

Note: You must select a product category to enable the Mercury Content functionality. Selecting a sector without additional search criteria will yield no results.

Beginning a New Search

Users may begin a new database query by selecting “Reset” at the bottom of the screen.

Note: If you do not click “Reset” and select a new product category from the dropdown menu, that category will be added to any categories previously selected for your query.

Exporting Results to Excel

You may export your search results to an Excel spreadsheet by clicking the “Export To Excel” button in the bottom-right corner of the search results window and saving the file to your computer.